

“HERE HE COMES!” “...Ready or Not!” *(Matthew 25:13)*

INTRODUCTION: *The mule blew first . . .*

I. THE BRIDEGROOM’S COMING (verses 1-5)

- A. Here in this parable is a picture of a grand Jewish wedding
- B. The bridesmaids are in a house,
waiting to join the wedding processional
- C. There are two types of bridesmaids:
wise and foolish (prepared & unprepared)

II. THE BRIDEGROOM’S HERE!!! (verses 6-10a)

- A. It is midnight... wake up girls!
- B. Oooooooops . . . some have oil for their processional lamps and
some do not
- C. When some, in a panic, went out to buy oil, they missed the arrival
of the bridegroom.

III. THE BRIDEGROOM’S GONE . . .

AND THE DOOR IS SHUT (verses 10b-13)

- A. At this point the parable and reality meet . . .
- B. Parables have one major point:
v.13 – Be alert, you don’t know the day or hour



IV. WHAT IS THE BRIDEGROOM’S MESSAGE TO US?

- A. Not all who say they await Jesus’ second coming are ready for it
(2 Timothy 3:5)
- B. Complacency has set in for many living between Jesus’ first
coming (Christmas) and His second coming (Judgement day);
they are “sleeping” and unprepared
- C. His return will be sudden, visible, audible (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- D. Preparedness is not transferable:
God has no spiritual grandchildren (Proverbs 9:12)
- E. There will be no second chance
(the door will be shut – Hebrews 9:27)
- F. **God has provided a way so we can be ready**
(John 3:16-17)

CONCLUSION: **The childhood game:**

Ready or not... here I come! (And... we are ready!)